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A key note: I had starband (2 way satellite isp) for about a year. It has no linux drivers. It is also said to be heavily funded by Microsoft. Although they havn't published winxp drivers for the service yet, i would speculate that they maybe holding the drivers back for release. They HAVE NO Linux drivers! The specs for the bcp/ip are proprietary and the service is Windows only.

This seems to be one of the key aspects of the said Microsoft Monopoly as hardware companies would only make h/w & services compatable for windows only. Linux is much more robust & secure, but yet, "Why do companies still only do Windows?"

Suggestion: If Microsoft is going to be teaming up with other 3rd party service, hardware & software providers, make them support all other o/s's with equivalent drivers in order to deter Microsoft from using it's influence on "Unknowing Customers" who buy into the service/product and boosting into a monopoly like enviroment.

Example: Microsoft invests in Starband. Make Starband make/publish linux & mac drivers (and that are equivalent in quality to the Windows drivers or better). This would, hence, promote legitament competition.

Some of my comments on the latest suggested resolvments broadcasted on CNN Headline news:

1) Strip Down Winxp -- This would be nice as i use mozilla/netscape instead of the buggy IE (i use opensource tools since they prove more stable/reliable).

2) Make MS Office for other platforms such as Linux -- about 2 years too late. Sun just released StarOffice 6.0 Beta, and i must say that it looks really nice under linux. The slate a release for april/may, for which, only bugs and some minor fixes need some working...appears to be plenty of time to release a rock-solid product!...and it's pretty much free. Heard allot of National Gov'ts using staroffice rather the ms office.

3) Java -- uh? dunno the specifics.

I still don't really see how several of 1,2 or 3 will really do anything in resolvment of the MS/DOJ case that was won by the DOJ. It almost seems like ms has the economy and the doj on a leash.

It dismays me to see Corporations indulging into such illigit business structures which promote further instabilities into their business structures. This really seems like modern day mafias (with a loss of morals) that have converged to fit it's business model to thrive-off of loop holes within our legal system.

So instead of the consumer paying for a service, they pay the company to allow themselves to be able to work at the 'said company'. lol.

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